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ECHOES AND TANGLES.

Speaker Champ Clark descended from the rostrum in the House of Representatives the other day and made a speech accusing "cadaverous howlers" of conspiracy against the prosperity of the country and trying to make a panic. Champ went at them with hammer and tongs, and not one of the rascals, and traitors to their countrymen, who sat in their seats and listened, durst make reply. Clark referred to Dr. J. T. M. Johnston, who, by the way, is an uncle of J. J. Johnston and Mrs. P. E. Coil of this county. Said Johnston is "a Baptist preacher and had sense enough to make \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000." Johnston told him he did not think there was going to be any panic in this country. Told him further that the currency bill would prevent all the money from drifting into New York City and break up gambling on the N. Y. Exchange as far as human ingenuity could control it. Go it, Champ.

Spug is a word not found in the dictionary. It is said that President Wilson and his family belong to the spugs. The name does not sound very dignified. Notwithstanding, it means one who is opposed to unnecessary giving at Christmas time. Are you a spug?

A Connecticut man says that he has been living for some time on 25 cents a week. Let him have a few tire punctures, and such, and he'll change his tune.

Wm. Jasper and his wife, Pollie Jasper, residents of Brunswick, Mo., were arrested the other day for bootlegging and each was given six months in jail. There's a mixup. The Jaspers have eight children.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

GREETINGS:—To our Friends and Patrons, May the Glad Christmas Time Bring You Much Happiness.

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It is said that expenses have increased so much faster than revenues that the net operating income of Eastern railroads for 1913 was \$16,000,000 less than it was in 1910, and this notwithstanding the fact that more than \$650,000,000 of new money has been put into these railway properties in that time. This is the statement of the case by the railroads. But

and run and cry and yell at the top of his voice, finally falling forward on his face and rolling to the pavement. Two men dragged him into Llewellyn's Drug Store when he screamed that somebody had poured carbolic acid down his back. He was cased in a minute when it was found that it was not carbolic acid but hot-drops. Hot-drops are for killing bugs, not

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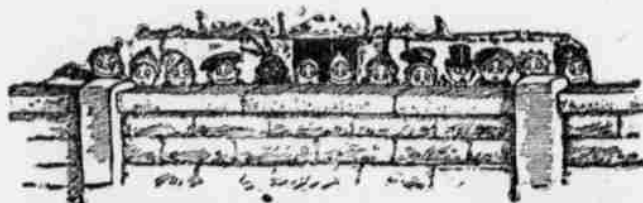
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don't be too hard on the railroads, Neighbor; all of us have felt in recent years and months that a dollar does not go as far as it used to.

A little "nigger" passing around the southwest corner of the Public Square one evening last week suddenly began to kick

niggers. But now, seriously,—the villain was arrested who imposed on the child and here's hoping he gets a good round fine.

One brave and cultured little agriculturalist downed everybody on spelling the word "coultter" in the spelling bee at Rush Hill the other night where four schools contested. Forty years ago they called a coultter a rolling-cutter. How many town boys today could spell and define that word coultter? Time indeed for the back-to-the farm idea.

PHIL ROGERS WRITES.

Parents Are Residents of Prairie Lea Neighborhood.

Phillip Shire has received the following letter from his "Dear Neighbor," Phil Rogers, who, with his brother, "Duff," both former students of the Mexico High School, and one other hobo, as Phil expresses it, is now located at Stone Lake, Wisconsin.

Dear Neighbor:—I am glad to say that I am sorry I did not write sooner, but my typewriter gave out long ago and my pen rusted off the hinges. I would like to give you a full detailed account of myself since leaving Missouri, but it would not look well on paper.

Well, as it is, the two hobos you sent up here, and myself are having a deuce of a time. The

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nights or before breakfast. What little money that was left when we got here we threw into the Chippewa River as this is no place for a millionaire. Talk about high-life we live high all the time as our snow-bank is 18,000 feet above the timber line.

The sun went out about three weeks ago and the long nights are now upon us, but what do we care as we keep no time piece, calendar or looking glass. Bill's whiskers are so long that they trail out four feet behind him when the wind blows, and he has not got Duff or me skinned a particle.

Our den is on the main road, a fine road it is. Stumps, rocks, logs, swamps, creeks and ditches. The corduroy patches in the swamps make fine places to haul eggs over. When driving on the lope a wagon never bounces over 15 feet at a time. The trail is so straight that you can not see over ten feet ahead at one time and often you can't see the team. When rounding sharp corners the two outside wheels will often spin over the edge of a cliff with 900 feet of pure air under them. It is necessary to go down hill on the gallop in order to get speed to go up the next one.

A great many fool wolves, wild-cats, catamounts, cougars, lynx, mountain lions, and polar bears draw the plaster off the door steps every night, and night lasts all the time. The north pole is just 30 miles east of the Topier's Home, as our hut has been named by the Governor.

This is no place for a civilized man. We would like to have you come up about January 13th if you can make connection and bring a pair of frogs along to see how they like the climate.

It got so warm here yesterday, only 40 below, that we had to stuff snow down each other's necks to keep from expiring with the heat.

The smallest wild cat killed so far was a kitten measuring 12 feet, tip to tip, and his meow'er was the size of a graphophone horn.

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the bunch and give Windy Jones our best regards. If Christmas has not come yet we wish you a lively time but Santa Claus will never get there as we stole the old sucker's clothes to make a new rag of. The bones of wild animals killed by the bunch got piled up so high around the door that it became necessary to build a 15 foot ladder to get out. Just to prove how thick the varmints are around here Bill has been known to kill 11 deer, 6 wolves, 9 bears, 1 lion, a partridge and three measels in one shot, and then found out that he had fired a blank shell. If you don't believe this, look in the dictionary. The Bunch.

Bill, Duff and Casey P. S.—Don't let John Beal see this letter.

Dr. W. H. Hickman, Osteopathic Physician, Pasqueth Bldg. St.